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Dear Examiner Lazo:

As we discussed, attached is a proposed new draft for the following suggested changes to the application:

a replacement paragraph for the second full paragraph on page 4 of the specification, including recitation of the amended claim 1 and now reading in part: "This problem is solved, for example, according to an embodiment of the invention . . . .";  
amendments to claim 1 including changing the period to a comma and adding the word "and" in line 5;  
deleting the word "are" in line 9; and  
changing singular "web" to plural "webs" in line 11.

The dependent claims are also amended to remove impermissible multiple dependencies. Claim 4 still depends from any one of claims 1 to 3, not multiply dependent claims depend from claim 4 after entry of this amendment, and the total number of claims remains below 20, therefore no fee is due.

Very Truly Yours

Harold Fullmer

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In the Specification, we suggest the following amendment:

Replace the paragraph at page 4, lines 14-15 (beginning with the phrase "The problem is solved . . ." with the following

This problem is solved, for example, according to an embodiment of the invention by means of a piston that is provided with one peripheral web protruding from the peripheral surface, disposed on said peripheral surface in both areas, each of which defining one end of the piston, and supporting connector elements, which extend longitudinally in the direction of the other end of the piston, arranged successively at a distance from each other in a parallel manner contiguous to the peripheral webs. Each two adjacent supporting connector elements define a groove-shaped recess and are provided with a collar-shaped seal made of a thermoformable sealing material, which is formed on the piston body in such a way that the peripheral webs as well as the supporting connector elements are incorporated into the material of the collar-shaped seal over only a portion of their height.

In the claims, we suggest the following amendments:

In claim 1 beginning in its fifth line, replace the text "the piston. Supporting connector elements" with - the piston, and supporting connector elements".

In claim 1 in its seventh line, delete the word "are".

In claim 1 in its ninth line, replace the word "web" with its plural form, "webs".

Amend claim 3 to depend only from claim 1.

Amend claim 5 to depend only from claim 4.

Amend claim 6 to depend only from claim 2.

Amend claim 7 to depend only from claim 6.

End of suggested amendments.